

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (original): A slitter blade assembly for cutting off a workpiece, comprising:

a drum-shaped rotary blade; and

a disk-shaped rotary blade;

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said disk-shaped rotary blade having a cutting edge, a first beveled surface facing said drum-shaped rotary blade and progressively spaced from said drum-shaped rotary blade toward said cutting edge, and a second beveled surface facing the workpiece and progressively spaced from said cutting edge away from the workpiece.

2. (currently amended): A slitter blade assembly according to claim 1, wherein ~~the~~ a first distance (CL) of said first beveled surface up ~~to~~ from said cutting edge along a severance plane perpendicular to a surface of the workpiece is set to a value which ranges from 40  $\mu\text{m}$  to 200  $\mu\text{m}$ , ~~the~~ a first angle ( $\theta_6$ ) of said first beveled surface from said severance plane is set to a value which ranges from 0.8° to 14°, and ~~the~~ a second angle ( $\theta_1$ ) of said second beveled surface from said severance plane is set to a value which ranges from 65° to 85°.

3. (currently amended): A slitter blade assembly according to claim 2, wherein said disk-shaped rotary blade has a first clearance surface contiguous to said first beveled surface, and ~~the~~ a third angle ( $\theta_3$ ) of said first clearance surface from said severance plane is set to a value which ranges from 2° to 5°.

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4. (currently amended): A slitter blade assembly according to claim 2, wherein said disk-shaped rotary blade has a second clearance surface contiguous to said second beveled surface, and ~~the-a fourth~~ angle ( $\theta 2$ ) of said second clearance surface from said severance plane is set to a value which ranges from  $20^\circ$  to  $45^\circ$ .

5. (currently amended): A slitter blade assembly according to claim 4, wherein said second beveled surface and said second clearance surface are joined to each other at a junction, and ~~the-a second~~ distance ( $L1$ ) from said junction to said severance plane is set to a value which ranges from 0.2 mm to 0.8 mm.

6. (currently amended): A slitter blade assembly according to claim 1, wherein said cutting edge of the disk-shaped rotary blade has irregularities along a circumference of the disk-shaped rotary blade, said irregularities having an irregularity quantity ( $G$ ) set to a value which ranges from  $0.5 \mu\text{m}$  to  $5 \mu\text{m}$ .

7. (currently amended): A slitter blade assembly according to claim 1, wherein said disk-shaped rotary blade and/or said drum-shaped rotary blade is made of a cemented carbide.

8. (original): A slitter blade assembly for cutting off a workpiece, comprising:  
a drum-shaped rotary blade; and  
a disk-shaped rotary blade;  
said drum-shaped rotary blade having a cutting edge and a third beveled surface facing said disk-shaped rotary blade and progressively spaced from said disk-shaped rotary blade toward said cutting edge.

9. (original): A slitter blade assembly according to claim 8, wherein the distance  $HL$  of said third beveled surface up to said cutting edge along a severance plane perpendicular to a

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surface of the workpiece is set to a value which ranges from 25  $\mu\text{m}$  to 500  $\mu\text{m}$ , and the angle  $\theta 5$  of said third beveled surface from said severance plane is set to a value which ranges from 0.0° to 0.6°.

10. (original): A slitter blade assembly according to claim 9, wherein said drum-shaped rotary blade has a third clearance surface contiguous to said third beveled surface, and the angle  $\theta 4$  of said third clearance surface from said severance plane is set to a value which ranges from 2° to 4°.

11. (original): A slitter blade assembly according to claim 8, wherein said disk-shaped rotary blade and/or said drum-shaped rotary blade is made of a cemented carbide.

12. (original): A slitter blade assembly for cutting off a workpiece, comprising:  
a drum-shaped rotary blade; and  
a disk-shaped rotary blade;  
said disk-shaped rotary blade having a cutting edge, a first beveled surface facing said drum-shaped rotary blade and progressively spaced from said drum-shaped rotary blade toward said cutting edge of the disk-shaped rotary blade, and a second beveled surface facing the workpiece and progressively spaced from said cutting edge of the disk-shaped rotary blade away from the workpiece;

    said drum-shaped rotary blade having a cutting edge and a third beveled surface facing said disk-shaped rotary blade and progressively spaced from said disk-shaped rotary blade toward said cutting edge of the drum-shaped rotary blade.

13. (original): A slitter blade assembly according to claim 12, wherein said disk-shaped rotary blade and/or said drum-shaped rotary blade is made of a cemented carbide.

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14. (original): A slitter blade assembly according to claim 12, wherein the distance CL of said first beveled surface up to said cutting edge along a severance plane perpendicular to a surface of the workpiece is set to a value which ranges from 40  $\mu\text{m}$  to 200  $\mu\text{m}$ , the angle  $\theta_6$  of said first beveled surface from said severance plane is set to a value which ranges from 0.8° to 14°, the angle  $\theta_1$  of said second beveled surface from said severance plane is set to a value which ranges from 65° to 85°, the distance HL of said third beveled surface up to said cutting edge along a severance plane is set to a value which ranges from 25  $\mu\text{m}$  to 500  $\mu\text{m}$ , and the angle  $\theta_5$  of said third beveled surface from said severance plane is set to a value which ranges from 0.0° to 0.6°.

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**Claims 15-18 are added as new claims.**

15. (new): A slitter blade assembly according to claim 1, wherein said cutting edge is spaced apart from a severance plane perpendicular to a surface of the workpiece.

16. (new): A slitter blade assembly according to claim 1, further comprising a means for rotating the drum-shaped rotary blade in unison with the disk-shaped rotary blade.

17. (new): A slitter blade assembly according to claim 1, wherein the drum-shaped rotary blade is disposed on a drum shaft, the disk-shaped rotary blade is disposed on a disk shaft, and the slitter blade assembly further comprising a means for rotating the drum shaft in unison with the disk shaft.

18. (new): A slitter blade assembly according to claim 6, wherein said irregularities having one of saw-tooth shape and undulating shape and said irregularity quantity being a distance from a bottom to a top of one of the irregularities.